

# ABSTRACT

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A method and device for capturing <sup>a surrounding area</sup> the area surrounding and interior of a motor vehicle <sup>are</sup> is described. The device for <sup>performing</sup> carrying out the method includes a camera device <sup>that has</sup> (10) having a beam path (103) that points in <sup>a direction of the surrounding</sup> the direction of the area <sup>of</sup> surrounding the vehicle, in particular the road, and has a beam path (108) that points in <sup>a direction</sup> the direction of the vehicle interior. A processing unit (110) controls and evaluates the image information obtained.